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In re Application of: GERD ALTMEYER ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/446,523

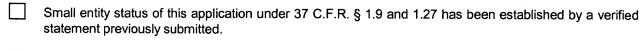
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FILTER ELEMENT WITH PLASTIC FILTER CASING

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the November 20, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Amend claim 10, 11-13 and 23 to read as follows.

10. (Twice Amended) A filter element, comprising:

a fluid-permeable supporting pipe;

a resilient mat filter folded into a cylindrical shape and pushed open on said supporting pipe to surround and engage said supporting pipe;

a plastic filter casing with openings enclosing said mat filter and delimiting a filter chamber, said filter casing being formed from a flat blank with opposite ends thereof bent toward one another 04/14/2003 BSAYASI1 00000099 09446523

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